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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7252**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1617

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 11, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Hospital Bylaws.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Brown T

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill prohibits the governing board of a hospital from modifying the hospital's bylaws without first consulting with a medical staff review committee consisting of five physicians on the hospital's medical staff. The bill provides that the modification of a hospital's bylaws without consulting the medical staff review committee is a deficiency that must be noted by the State Department of Health. The bill requires the State Department to order a hospital to disband its governing board if there are subsequent deficiencies, and provides that at least half of the members of the replacement governing board must be physicians who are members of the hospital's medical staff. The bill also requires a hospital to note in its annual report to the State Department whether the hospital's bylaws were modified and, if so, whether the medical staff review committee was consulted about the modification.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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